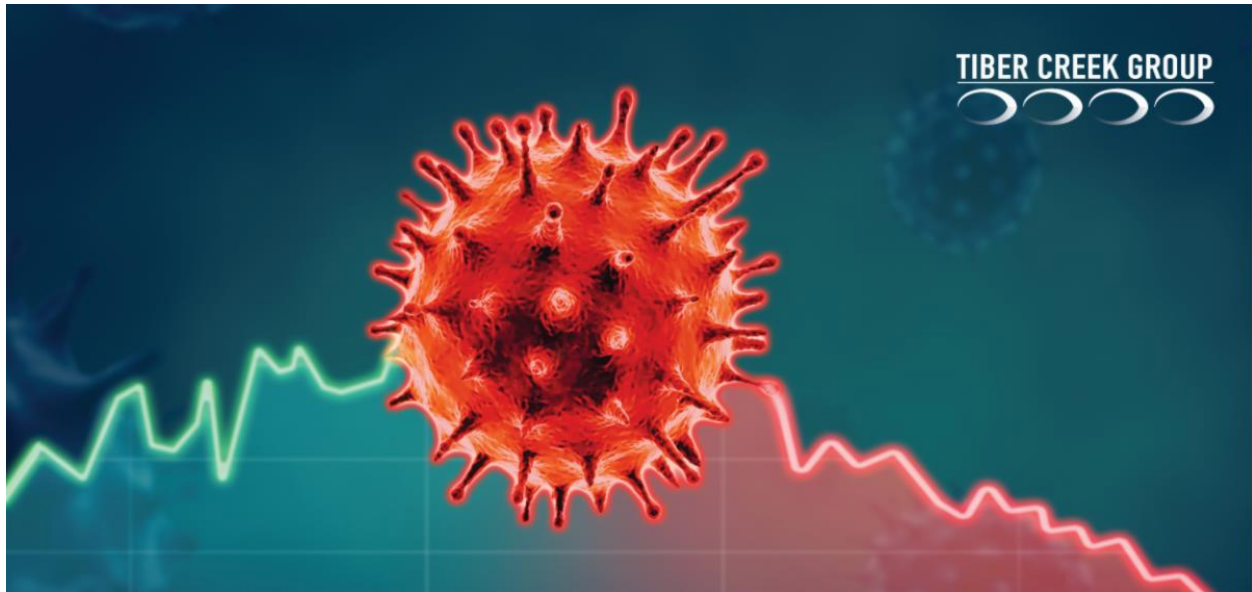




DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE

April 13, 2021

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY

Today, the Food and Drug Administration and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention made a joint decision to pause the administration of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine after six women between the ages of 18-48 developed blood clots six to 13 days after vaccination. The six cases occurred among more than 6.8 million people in the U.S. who have received Johnson & Johnson's vaccine to date.

Jeff Zients, White House COVID-19 Response Coordinator, [assured](#) Americans that this will not impact the vaccination effort in the U.S. He noted, "We have more than enough supply of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines to continue the current pace of 3 million shots per day."

This evening, the House will convene to consider the Senate's amended version of [H.R. 1868](#), which would postpone the 2% Medicare sequester payment cuts through the end of the year. The measure no longer includes language waiving the PAYGO rules. In the meantime, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid

LATEST STATISTICS

245,364,805 COVID-19 vaccines have been distributed in the U.S and **122,295,530** Americans have received the first dose.

There are a total of **137,053,483** confirmed cases worldwide, **2,951,588** deaths and **78,072,097** people have recovered.

There are **31,325,853** confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the U.S. and **563,267** deaths.

LATEST PMJ RESOURCES

[Drug Shortage and Medical Supply Chain Tracker](#)

[Coronavirus State Reopening Tracker](#)

Services has paused processing of Medicare claims for care delivered on or after April 1.

[Biden Administration Transition Tracker](#)

[President Biden EO Tracker](#)

ECONOMIC UPDATE

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FEDERAL RESERVE

- The Federal Reserve Board [released the minutes](#) of its interest rate meetings from February 8 through March 17, 2021.

TREASURY

- A [readout](#) of Treasury Deputy Secretary Wally Adeyemo's meeting with a North Carolina small business owner.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)

- The Small Business Administration's Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) application portal has been [temporarily suspended](#) since it opened last week on April 8.

Articles of Interest

- 4/13 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["Inflation Accelerated in March Due to Strengthening Economy, Rising Energy Prices."](#)
- 4/12 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["U.S. Budget Deficit Widened to a Record \\$1.7 Trillion for Six Months, as Stimulus Checks Fueled Spending."](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

Administration

THE WHITE HOUSE

- Jeff Zients, White House COVID-19 Response Coordinator issued a [statement](#) on the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine.

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

- NIH experts published a [paper](#) in Annals of Internal Medicine describing a workshop held in December 2020 by NIAID on post-acute COVID-19 and the knowledge gaps that need to be addressed in future research.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

- Dr. Peter Marks, Director of the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER) at the FDA issued a [statement](#) on Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine.

- RADM Richardae Araojo, Pharm.D., M.S., Associate Commissioner for Minority Health and Director of the Office of Minority Health and Health Equity, and Peter Marks, M.D., Ph.D., Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research penned an FDA Voices [blog post](#) titled, "Vaccine Ready: Addressing COVID-19 Health Disparities among Racial and Ethnic Minority Communities."

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

- CDC Principal Deputy Director Dr. Anne Schuchat and Director of the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, Dr. Peter Marks, held a joint [media briefing](#) this morning to discuss six reported cases of a rare type of blood clot in individuals who received the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine.
- CDC published a [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report](#) titled, "Trends in Racial and Ethnic Disparities in COVID-19 Hospitalizations, by Region — United States, March–December 2020."
- CDC published a Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report titled, ["Emergency Department Visits for COVID-19 by Race and Ethnicity — 13 States, October–December 2020."](#)

Articles of Interest

- 4/13 The Hill published an article titled, ["Pause in Johnson & Johnson shots raises fears of new vaccine hesitancy."](#)
- 4/12 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["Recent Rise in U.S. Covid-19 Cases Driven by Younger People."](#)
- 4/12 The New York Times published an article titled, ["The U.S. is nearing universal Covid-19 vaccine eligibility for adults."](#)
- 4/12 CNBC published an article titled, ["CDC chief says Michigan should 'shut things down,' vaccinating alone won't stop Covid surge."](#)
- 4/12 The Wall Street Journal published an article titled, ["U.K. Strain Doesn't Result in More Severe Covid-19 Among Hospitalized Patients, Study Finds."](#)